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SNC 10/11/00 Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 194 with the following amended paragraph:

The suspension of the conventional magnetic head suspension assembly too allows the slider 10 to elastically incline in any ~~directions~~ direction. Therefore, by elastically floating and supporting the holder 20 to have the function of the conventional suspension, prescribed tests of the slider can be performed without mounting the slider to be tested onto a real suspension.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 27 with the following amended paragraph:

As described above, in the magnetic head tester of the present embodiment, characteristics of magnetic heads can be tested without mounting the magnetic heads onto suspensions. Note that, there are other ways of giving the suspending function of the suspension of the magnetic head suspension assembly to the magnetic head tester. Other mechanisms for supporting the slider with suspending means will be explained.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

In a mechanism for supporting the slider 10 shown in Fig. 4, the test sample or the slider 10 is supported by a holder 60 like a flat plate, and the holder 60 is supported by a